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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 7, 2008, having a shortened statutory period expiring on May 7, 2008. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 9** of this paper.